

## **South Carolina College Personnel Association (SCCPA) Resolution**

**As passed on April 16, 2000**

Whereas, the Confederate Battle Flag was placed atop the South Carolina State House in 1962 to commemorate the Centennial of the Civil War in those states that comprised the defunct Confederate States of America who did secede from and wage war against the United States of America, and

Whereas, the Confederate Battle Flag, in its present position of display, implies sovereignty and allegiance to a non-existent nation and has been embraced by various groups who are not interested in basic civil rights for all human beings, and

Whereas, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at its 1999 Annual Conference renewed its call for the removal and relocation of the Confederate Battle Flag to a place of historical rather than sovereign context, and

Whereas, the NAACP called upon organizations that embrace freedom, justice, and respect of human dignity to consider locations other than the state of South Carolina as convention or meeting sites, until such time that the Confederate Battle Flag is removed from positions of sovereignty in the state of South Carolina, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Legislature gave only itself power to raise and lower the flag and has chosen to ignore passionate requests from diverse groups and individuals throughout South Carolina and the United States of America including the National Urban League, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Clemson University Board of Trustees, and other institutions of higher education both public and private, and

Whereas, the South Carolina College Personnel Association is comprised of a diverse membership of college and university faculty, staff members, and students throughout the state of South Carolina that value freedom, justice, and respect of human dignity and do not believe the Confederate Battle Flag is consistent with those ideals, and

Whereas, the membership of the South Carolina College Personnel Association represents professionals and students who recruit, advise, and mentor current and prospective students in South Carolina's public and private institutions of higher education and who believe the Confederate Battle Flag has a negative impact on the decision of students seeking initial or continued higher education in the state of South Carolina;

Now Be It Therefore Resolved, that the South Carolina College Personnel Association, which reluctantly held its previously scheduled Spring Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, April 14-16, 2000 supports the removal of the Confederate Battle Flag from atop the South Carolina State Capitol and from within the South Carolina House and Senate Chambers and calls for its relocation to a place of historical rather than sovereign context and from the State House grounds, and

Be It Further Resolved, that that from this day forward and until the issue is resolved, the South Carolina College Personnel Association will make available and distribute to members blue ribbons to wear during Association conferences, retreats and meetings, and consider the NAACP's boycott when making decisions on future Association conferences, retreats, and meetings, as a show of support for the NAACP's stance on the Confederate Battle Flag issue, and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the South Carolina College Personnel Association will communicate this Resolution to its national organization, the American College Personnel Association and request that it be shared with other state organizations and with the membership of the South Carolina State Legislature.